Trade between India and Thailand

*76. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talks to boost trade between India and Thailand were held during the visit of Thai P.M. to India in the last week of March, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) to (c) Discussions on matters relating to trade were held during the visit of Thai Prime Minister in the last week of March, 1989. The Thai P.M. suggested visit of a team from India to Thailand to explore the opportunities available there for joint ventures in the areas of production of Urea, Ammonia, Potash, Phosphate etc. The Indian side suggested the need for award of projects in Thailand to Indian companies for execution, on a negotiated basis. Interest was also registered in availing Thai expertise for establishment of fresh water prawn hatcheries in India.

Para-Military Forces for J & K

*77. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that J&K Government have asked for additional paramilitary forces in order to deal with continued violence in Kashmir Valley; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) CRPF Companies have been provided to J&K Government for Internal Security duties.

Cracks in Dams

*78. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Times of India" of the 25th February, 1989 under the caption "Cracks in Hirakud, four other Dams";

(b) if so, what are the names of the other dams referred to in the news-item;

(c) what are the causes for these cracks; and

(d) whether any inquiry has since been conducted in this regard by the Central Government and if so, what are the details thereof??

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The dams referred to in the newspaper, in addition to Hirakud are Tigra in Madhya Pradesh, Konar of Damodar Valley Corporation, Rihand in Uttar Pradesh and Parvati in Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) Cracks have appeared due to the development of tensile stresses as per the investigations conducted by the project authorities in association with the Central Water Commission.

Jain-Banerjee Committee

*79. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jain-Banerjee Committee on November, 1984 riots set up in mid-1987 had remained ineffective and non-functional all along and though its term which expired in August, 1988 has not been extented, the staff is getting the salaries and the office expenditure is being met by the Delhi Administration;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for its remaining non-functional and what steps are contemplated by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether any report has been submitted by the Committee; if so, what are the salient features of the recommendations made by the Committee and what action has been taken by Government thereon?